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VEGETABLES ANNUAL SUMMARY

ARIZONA

Arizona harvested 131,600 acres of vegetables in 2017, up 6 percent from 124,400 acres harvested in 2016, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 36.38 million hundredweight (cwt) of total vegetables in 2017. The value of utilized vegetable production increased to \$1.67 billion in 2017, from \$1.30 billion in 2016.

COLORADO

Colorado harvested 3,600 acres of onions in 2017, up 16 percent from 3,100 acres harvested in 2016, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.66 million hundredweight (cwt) of onions in 2017, an increase of 19 percent from the 1.40 million cwt produced in 2016. The value of utilized onion production increased to \$39.41 million in 2017, from \$21.90 million in 2016.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico harvested 14,700 acres of vegetables in 2017, down 1 percent from 14,800 acres harvested in 2016, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 6.08 million hundredweight (cwt) of total vegetables in 2017. The value of utilized vegetable production decreased to \$129.04 million in 2017, from \$145.49 million in 2016.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: Arizona, Colorado & New Mexico, 2016 - 2017

	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
Arizona				
Broccoli	9,300	10,400	1,116	1,352
Cabbage	3,800	5,800	1,615	2,610
Cantaloupes	15,900	15,700	3,737	3,533
Cauliflower	4,500	5,200	788	1,014
Lettuce, Head	36,800	39,200	12,696	12,348
Lettuce, Leaf	9,600	9,600	2,352	2,112
Lettuce, Romaine	26,200	28,000	8,646	9,240
Peppers, Chile	1,600	1,200	122	78
Spinach	11,200	12,800	2,016	2,240
Watermelons	5,500	3,700	2,448	1,850
Colorado				
Onions	3,100	3,600	1,395	1,656
New Mexico				
Onions	6,100	7,100	3,538	4,828
Peppers, Chile	8,700	7,600	1,392	1,254

UNITED STATES

In 2017, the Nation's production for the 26 estimated vegetable and melon crops totaled 738 million cwt, 6 percent below the revised 785 million cwt in 2016. The utilized production totaled 729 million cwt, 6 percent below 2016. Area harvested in 2017 was 2.48 million acres, a 4 percent reduction from the previous year. In 2017, the top three vegetables, in terms of area harvested, were sweet corn,

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tomatoes, and snap beans. In terms of total production, the three largest crops were tomatoes, sweet corn, and onions, which combined accounted for 54 percent of the all vegetables total.

The value of utilized production for 2017 vegetable crops was \$13.8 billion, up 6 percent from the previous year. Tomatoes, head lettuce, and romaine lettuce claimed the highest values, accounting for 33 percent of the total value of production when combined.

For the 26 selected vegetables and melons estimated in 2017, California continued to be the leading State in terms of area harvested, utilized production, and value of production. Florida was second and Minnesota ranked third in terms of area harvested. Washington and Arizona ranked second and third, respectively, in terms of utilized production; while Arizona and Florida ranked second and third, respectively, in terms of value of utilized production. The top three States accounted for 76 percent of the total value of utilized production when combined.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: United States, 2016 - 2017

United States	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
Broccoli	131,300	129,400	22,466	20,392
Cabbage	57,600	59,600	23,048	23,463
Cantaloupes	58,000	57,050	14,973	13,820
Cauliflower	40,000	42,200	7,178	8,392
Lettuce, Head	121,300	122,700	45,651	42,826
Lettuce, Leaf	59,300	54,100	13,286	11,012
Lettuce, Romaine	93,200	99,700	30,086	30,750
Onions	135,700	138,000	68,300	71,871
Peppers, Chile	20,000	18,900	4,705	4,233
Spinach	53,700	53,030	8,035	7,321
Watermelons	112,400	107,900	39,748	40,145

For a full copy of the *Vegetables Annual Summary* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions please contact:

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